Famine Relief Works

364. Sri M. NAGAPPA (Raichur).—

Will the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the number of works taken up under Famine Relief works in Raichur Taluk ;

(*b*) whether all the works have been completed, if not, the action the Government proposes to take to complete the works ;

(*c*) the number of people provided with employment during relief works ;

(*d*) the total expenditure incurred on relief works in Raichur Taluk ;

(*e*) whether any scheme is pending before the Government regarding permanent relief works in Raichur Taluk particularly in Yergera and Chanderbanda Revenue Circles (Villagewise information be furnished);

(*f*) if not, whether Government has any proposal to take up permanent relief works in Raichur Taluk ?

Sri H. V. KOUJALGI (Minister for Revenue).—

(*a*) 74.

(*b*) No ; 51 works taken up by the P.W.D. have been completed ; 3 Road works taken up by the Taluk Development Board are incomplete and they will be brought to a safe stage ; 20 irrigation wells taken up by the Taluk Development Board which are in progress will be completed.

(*c*) During the period from April to December, 1968, a total number of 3,23,745 Man-days of employment was provided.

(*d*) Rs. 5,05,233 up to 31st December 1968.

(*e*) No.

(*f*) Formulation of scheme under the Area Development Programme for Raichur District is under consideration at the District level.

Explosion in Firework Shops

391. Sri G. CHANDRAKANTH (Bidar).—

Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether any explosion of the fire work shops took place at Bidar this year, if so, the number of persons injured ;

(*b*) what kind of explosion it was, whether of country made, hand grenade or explosive or of country made dynamite ;

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(c) the action taken against those shop-keepers, whether their licences have been cancelled and orders were passed for their removal from the central area of the city ?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL (Chief Minister).—

(a) Yes ; 41 persons were injured.

(b) The explosion is reported to be of one small atom bomb cracker.

(c) While police are investigation the case required in connection with the explosion, the two points raised in the question are under examination of the District Magistrate, Bidar.

Starting of an Industry at Tumkur

Sri B. P. GANGADHAR (Tumkur).—

Will the Minister for Industries, Information and Publicity be pleased to state :—

(a) whether there is any proposal by Government for starting of an industry at Tumkur taking into consideration the factors like railway facility, availability of labour power, skilled workmen as there are two Science Colleges, an Engineering College and Polytechnic ;

(b) whether Government are aware of the promise held out by them for the establishment of a big factory in Tumkur Town and the action taken in that behalf ?

Sri M. RAJASEKHARA MURTHY (Minister for Industries, Information and Publicity).—

(a) No.

(b) No.

Typists in Government Secretariat

431. **Sri K. H. RANGANATH** (Mudigere).—

Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state :—

(a) whether the Typists working in Government Secretariat have been appointed temporarily as Stenographers since 1960 ; if so, how many ;